

Remarks

With this amendment, claims 11-14 and 16-22 are currently under consideration. Claims 1-10 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice to re-file the claims in a future related application. Claims 11, 12 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form due to the cancellation of claim 1 from which they depended. Thus, the amendments to claims 11, 12 and 13 are not related to the patentability of claims 11-13 and do not narrow the scope of the claims. Claims 14, 16 and 17 are unchanged. New claims 18-22 have been added. Support for new claims 18-22 can be found throughout the application as filed. No new matter has been added.

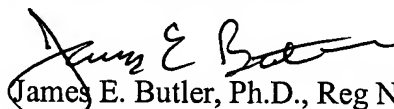
In the Office action July 1, 2003, claims 1-10 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, but to speed prosecution, claims 1-10 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursue the subject matter of claims 1-10 in a future related application.

In the Office action of July 1, 2003, claims 11-17 were found to be allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 18-20 are allowable in their present form. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that all claims under consideration are in a condition for allowance and requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Should the Examiner have any remaining questions regarding the subject invention or its patentability, Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned to answer such questions or provide additional information.

The Commissioner is herewith authorized to charge the amount of \$42.00 in excess claim charges and to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment that may occur during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0661.

Respectfully submitted,



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